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In re Application of  
Gene Gould et al  
Application No. 10/039,769  
Filed: December 31, 2001  
For: SCANNING SPECTROPHOTOMETER FOR  
HIGH THROUGHPUT FLUORESCENCE  
DETECTION AND FLUORESCENCE  
POLARIZATION

DECISION GRANTING STATUS  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(A)

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed April 16, 2002.<sup>1</sup>

The petition is granted.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Petitions Examiner WanLaymon at (703) 306-5685.

This application file is being referred to Publishing Division to await a reply to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed March 29, 2004.

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<sup>1</sup> The instant petition was only recently brought to the attention of the deciding official. The Office sincerely apologizes for the delay in replying to the instant petition and inconvenience caused petitioner by this delay.